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quite a while because there's a lot of things in that factor in with it. And I have some questions. And probably my first question would be, in this transition, Senator Avery, will the Department of Social Services, at this point in time, not do any internal reviews? Or will they only not do internal reviews in the area where there is a pilot program? First and foremost I guess that's one of my first questions to be able to work my way through this, will DSS discontinue all internal reviews when your bill goes into place?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: I was visiting with Fiscal Office here, what...specifically, could you restate that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, I'd be glad to. At the time you initiated...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I'm sorry, Senator, it's time. Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 642 and amendment 2889. I understood Senator Warner basically to say this, that the original amendment that was offered and now has been substituted with this one told our evaluation committee that it would be studying this transition and that that would be an inappropriate thing to do to list by statute what the agenda and the study subject matter of that committee was going to be, setting a bad precedent for what is otherwise an orderly flow of business. I also understand Senator Avery to be saying, look, one way or the other a study will be done, if not by that committee because it doesn't fit their schedule, then by a standing committee pursuant to an interim study, and that he intends to offer that. So one of the things that was talked about last year, which was to study the transition after having done it for a year or two in a couple of areas around the state, that, I understand, will be done, it won't be done as we had originally hoped because we're trying to respond to Senator Warner's objection to have that appear in statute. If you open up your bill books, I think you've got an interesting story to tell on 642. If you take a look at the people who support the bill, you'll find that, of course, we have the classic struggle in this area between the Foster Care Review Board and the Department of Social Services;